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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Richard Lee, First Redeemer Church, Cumming, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Most gracious God, our heavenly Father and Creator of all, we thank You for America, our homeland, and Your bountiful blessings upon us.

Today we ask that You would grant the Members of this Congress wisdom and understanding to lead our Nation into those paths of truth and righteousness that would please You and serve for our common good.

Forgive us when in times of our blessings we forget that Thou art our source, our defender, and guide. Protect those who even now place themselves in harm's way to preserve the freedom of our land.

Keep us from pride and arrogance and give us a willing spirit to seek out Your laws and commandments and be obedient to them. And grant us Your grace that we might show forth Your power and Your glory to all nations.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOOLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4167. An act to extend for 8 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 169. An act to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violation of anti-discrimination and whistleblower protection laws; to require that each Federal agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. RICHARD LEE

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Richard Lee. It is a privilege to have him with us this morning.

Dr. Lee is the founding pastor of First Redeemer Church located in metropolitan Atlanta's Forsyth County, which is recognized as the fastest growing county in the United States.

Dr. Lee graduated magna cum laude from Mercer University and Luther Rice Seminary, earning the Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees in theology and pastoral ministry.

Dr. Lee is a recognized spokesman for the Christian community at large. He appears as a speaker at national and international conferences and conven-

tions, on national television programs, and has written 10 books, all of which pales compared to the fact that he was named Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Council of New York City, an achievement all of us would dream of.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing. During the past year, a year when every American has experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, Dr. Lee's exemplary leadership has not only been a tremendous service to his congregation; it has been a shining light to the surrounding community as well.

Dr. Lee, you have honored us with your presence this morning and we thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. One-minutes will be at the end of legislative business today.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2646, FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2646 be instructed to agree to the provisions contained in section 1001 of the Senate amendment and section 944 of the House bill, relating to country of origin labeling requirements for agricultural commodities, but to insist on the six-month implementation deadline contained in the House bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOOLEY) and the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr.

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